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MEMORIAL DAY DRESS CODE

Chaplain Terry Rude, SC Division

Memorial Day is fast approaching, and one concern lingers from last year. It is the matter of appropriate dress for the occasion. The Division leadership is asking us to consider the issue and is imposing some requirements upon us. How should an SCV member dress when he attends the state-wide Memorial Day service in Columbia (or a local camp's Memorial Day)?

The best choice is complete period dress, especially in Confederate uniform. Onlookers love to see uniformed Confederate soldiers, and we ought to love to show them the same. The ladies in period dress sharply adorn the uniformed soldiers, and a large array of both is the very best commemoration of our Cause.

Many, however, do not own a Confederate uniform or even period dress. What should they wear? They ought to dress up. Memorial Day began in the South after the War "that love might pay tribute to valor throughout the Southern States." From the onset, it was a religious custom to honor the Confederate dead. It always involved wreathing graves with flowers. This exalted purpose calls for formal dress, at least within reason.

Very many of our members are church attenders and know what is appropriate for a Southern religious meeting. Remember, our heritage is not the liberal, progressive religion of the jet set! Our roots are in the soil of Orthodoxy and Biblical Truth, something incongruent with the blue jeans, t-shirt mentality.

Of course, many of our men feel uncomfortable in ties and do not like them. A tie is desirable but not essential. Yet, a collared shirt is. Nicely-fitting collared shirts with appropriate trousers can look dignified and formal enough. The look must be consistent with the honor of the occasion.

T-shirts, however, obviously fail. They have no guise of dignity or formality, especially if they bear logos. Things like "You have your X - I have mine," "Y'all wouldn't understand - It's a Southern sort of thang" and similar slogans really are not appropriate. Even t-shirts with the battle flag, our logo or portraits of Generals Lee, Jackson and our other great leaders are not right for the annual event.

Shirts like this have their place. Most of us love to wear them and take pride in it. Still, the place is not Memorial Day - a bar-be-que or a social event, perhaps, but not our most dignified state-wide event. A little common sense goes a long way in this matter. We need to make a strong positive presentation to the public, look manly, strong and honorable. It takes a touch of formality to do this best.

Please consider the superlative greatness of the Confederate Cause. Although many of our ancestors rarely wore shoes, did not own a dress suit or tie and would have felt imprisoned in formal dress, we uphold them with highest honor. What they did was right. It was in defence of truth and freedom, highest principles. Could we afford it, we would make monuments to those rugged men, bare feet and all, out of pure gold. When we would put a wreath at the statues, however, we would dress up because honor demands it!

Let each of us cooperate and fix in our mind two things about this year. One, I will come to the state-wide Memorial Day. I will not miss. I will plan everything else around it. I will give it highest priority! Two, I will dress right. I will dress in a way that best communicates to onlookers the "love" with which I "pay tribute" to those men and the great Cause for which they died.

(Edited)

Don't Forget CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

Columbia, Saturday, May 6, 1995!

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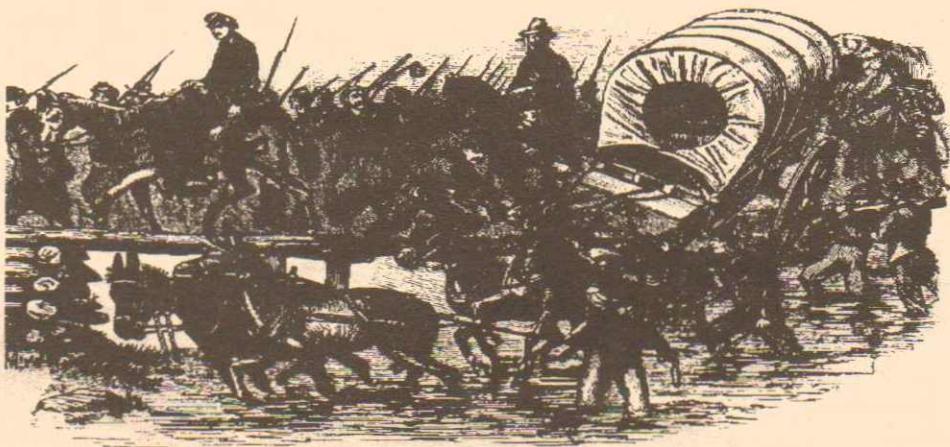
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"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the preservation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee
SCV Commission

Memorial Day Activities Schedule

The schedule for the statewide Confederate Memorial Day celebration in Columbia, SC, has been finalized. It will begin with a memorial ceremony at Elmwood Cemetery, located off Elmwood Avenue, at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 6, 1995.



The parade to the State House will originate at the cemetery, beginning at 10:45 am. A program at the State House will begin at 11:20 am, lasting about 40 minutes. A picnic lunch will be provided on the State House grounds immediately following the program. Other activities in the planning stages have not been reported at press time.

All SCV members are requested to set this day aside and make plans to be in attendance. Members are requested to bring their families with them and participate in the activities to honor our Confederate heroes. All are encouraged to participate in the parade, remembering the dress code. Coat and tie are not required, but please dress in an appropriate manner that would set well with our ancestors.

No one in tee shirts will be allowed to participate in the Parade. This ruling was determined by the Memorial Day Committee appointed by Division Commander Chris Sullivan.

Battlefield Preservation From the Other Side

In a twist, the federal Virginia National Parks Act (H.R. 1091) would freeze the current size of Richmond National Battlefield Park, set by default in the original 1936 legislation, to its present lines. This Bill protects the rights of private property owners from encroachment BY battlefields preservation efforts. "We must not lose sight of the rights of private property owners", said author Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., (R-Va.).

It is unclear as to how passage of this Bill would affect the Shenandoah Battlefields Bill, now introduced into Congress. The latter protects private property owners against loss of their property through Eminent Domain. Also, it is unclear how the proposed H.R. 1091 would affect the concept of donated lands to battlefield preservation. Bliley offered to amend his Bill to allow specific donations which are under consideration at present, but his amendment would require future donations to have specific Congressional approval.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As a teacher of 8th grade students in the local system, I have read the most recent edition of your little newspaper *Palmetto Partisan* which was given to me by a cousin of a student; he got it from his father's uncle's brother. I wish to make some appropriate observations, young man.

Two of my students can spell better than you. You allowed far too many mistakes to pervade your little newsletter, all of which you should have corrected prior to publication. Even my students know that a person is not a "legislature"; this may be true in the Federal Government but surely not in South Carolina. And there is no "t" in the word "original". Shame on you!

Furthermore, the issue did not arrive in time for us to make plans to attend the Charter Ceremony of the Major Morgan/Hart's Battery Camp in Springfield on March 18. If you cannot get the information out in a timely manner, don't publicize the event.

What happened to the symbol that you began to print on the front page? You know, the one that all those scalawags and carpetbaggers don't seem to like.

Again, shame on you! What do you have to say for yourself?

Sincerely,

Miss Mildred Poteetamus
Poochie's Bluff Middle School
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Oops. - Ed.

Of Special Note ...

SC State Rep. Dan Cooper, sponsor of H.3168, the flag referendum, is the Lt.Cdr. of the newly-chartered Jeff Davis/4th Rgt. SC Vol's. Camp #7, in Piedmont, SC.

South Carolina Capsules

by Barry A. Price

The sunken road can still be seen at Fredericksburg. There, in the December cold of 1862, five Union divisions were sent forward to engage the Confederate line, defending the stronghold on Marye's Heights. And there Union men died, 10,000 fell wounded, the rest falling back to more secure positions.

Along that road stands a stone wall where the men of McLaws' Division, Longstreet's Corps, were positioned between the road and the Rebel center.

The second day found the road littered with the enemy, those alive crying out in their agony. The awful moan moved the Confederates, surely, and none more so that a sergeant from Company G of the Second South Carolina Volunteers, Kershaw's Brigade.

Warned of the immense danger he would subject himself to, without weapons or a flag of truce, the soldier rose up and scaled the wall, canteens hanging from his body.

The Union side, from disbelief or sheer surprise, held their fire. There, in the midst of carnage and destruction, one enemy held another and sheltered him with his own coat. A drink of water was offered and taken. Then another man, then another. It is said that a mighty cheer went up from the Union ranks. For an hour and a half this man visited himself upon the blue coated wounded.

What thanks must have been given by this lad from Vermont, that veteran from Ohio. How many Yankee eyes must have filled with tears at the spectacle before them.

His mission accomplished as best he could, the sergeant crossed the wall for the last time and left behind parched lips offering thanks for Richard R. Kirkland, a South Carolinian known in history as "The Angel of Marye's Heights."

(As a footnote to this tale, Kirkland himself was a casualty of the war, falling at Chickamauga a few months afterwards. One wonders if the fatal shot that brought poor Kirkland to his fate might have been fired by some Union man who had only months before beheld this remarkable soul in an hour of supreme compassion.)

More Donations to the Franklin Memorial Fund

In the February issue of the *Palmetto Partisan*, we reported on the individual camps which have donated toward the restoration of grave markers at the McGavock Confederate Cemetery at Franklin, TN.

We are pleased to add the **Battery White Camp #1568**, of Georgetown, SC to that list. Their donation was in memory of the 10th SC and in honor of their member Real Son Jake Strait.

The *Palmetto Partisan* continues to pledge that individual camps making donations to this fund will receive the honorable mention they deserve in these pages. And should the Division make such a donation, it would be a wonderful example for the camps.

Designs Solicited for Plaque

The Confederate Heritage Trust, Inc., is soliciting designs for a plaque to be placed on Johnson Hagood Stadium, at Charleston, SC, commemorating the site of the Confederate Sailors and Marines' Cemetery. Anyone wishing to submit an original design may do so. ALL designs submitted become the property of CHT, Inc. Please submit your design by September 1, 1995, to Confederate Heritage Trust, Inc., P.O. Box 436, Johns Island, SC 29457. For more information, call (803) 795-4039.

The remainder of the cemetery presently is under the Stadium. Past efforts have resulted in the removal of some remains from under the parking lot to Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston. Additional work is being planned, awaiting a strategy which will allow the successful removal of remains without causing the Stadium to implode.

The Confederate Heritage Trust is an eleemosynary organization chartered in Charleston, SC, and registered with the SC Secretary of State. Its membership primarily is derived from Secession Camp #4 SCV, 10th S.C. Infantry (reenactors), and the 10th S.C. Ladies Auxiliary. Its purpose is to protect and preserve battle and burial sites and things related to the Confederate States of America.

Seneca Camp Being Formed

As reported in the "Palmetto Sharpshooter" (newsletter of the Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp #1428, Anderson, SC), Adjutant **Dan Snipes** along with Cmpt. **Rob Eades** of the Pickens Camp hosted an organizational meeting in Seneca on Tuesday, March 7. Excellent attendance of 14 men and two boys was reported, with more prospects in the area. A second meeting was set for April 4 at the Seneca Library.

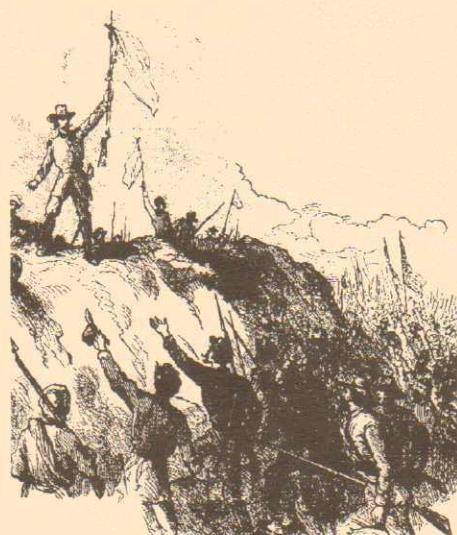
Anyone, especially in Oconee County, may apply. If readers are aware of potential members, please invite them, or send their name to **Adj. Dan Snipes, Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1458, P.O. Box 4405, Anderson, SC 29622**. Dan will issue invitations as necessary.

Congratulations to these men who actively solicit qualified membership in our fraternity. Keep good records; there are medals in the making here!

CALENDAR OF REMEMBRANCE

Fly your Confederate flags on these special days!

1-2 May- Chancellorsville, VA - 1863	12 May- Carrsville, VA - 1863
3 May- Salem Church, VA - 1863	13-16 May- Drury's Bluff, VA - 1864
4 May- Williamsburg, VA - 1862	14 May- Wright's Farm, MS - 1863
6 May- TENNESSEE &	14 May- Resaca, GA - 1864
ARKANSAS SECEDE - 1861	15 May- Carrsville, VA - 1863
5-6 May- Wilderness, VA - 1864	16 May- Calhoun, GA - 1864
7 May- VARINA HOWELL DAVIS - 1826	18 May- Yellow Tavern, VA - 1864
7 May- Barhamville, VA - 1862	20 May- NORTH CAROLINA SECEDES - 1861
7 May- Walthall Jctn., VA - 1864	20 May- Clay's Farm, VA - 1864
7 May- Stony Creek Stn., VA - 1864	23 May- Jericho Mills, VA - 1864
8 May- Wilderness, VA - 1864	24 May- Hanover C.H., VA - 1864
8 May- Jarrett's Depot - 1864	25 May- New Hope Church, GA - 1864
9 May- Farmington, MS - 1862	28 May- P.G.T. BEAUREGARD - 1818
9 May- Swift Creek, VA - 1864	28 May- Price's Farm, VA - 1864
10 MAY- DEATH OF STONEWALL JACKSON - 1863	28 May- Dallas, GA - 1864
10 MAY- CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY	29 May- Old Pocotaligo - 1862
11 May- Chester Station, VA - 1864	29 May- Hawe's Shop, VA - 1864
12 May- Spottsylvania C.H., VA - 1864	29 May- Attlee's Station, VA - 1864
12 May- JAMES LAWRENCE ORR - 1822	30 May- Seven Pines, VA - 1862
	30 May- Old Church, VA - 1864



From the SC Division Commander

The Hon. Christopher Sullivan

The S.C. House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly 30 March to pass H.3816, a bill sponsored by Compatriot Rick Quinn (Wade Hampton Camp #273) and supported by the South Carolina Division. This bill provides statutory protection for the Battleflag and, if passed by the Senate, makes it virtually impossible to remove it.

Many said it could not be done, but you did it. And, make no mistake about it, this victory in the House was no accident. We won because of the hard work of a few people -- almost all of them SCV members. So many of you called the House members listed on the post card we distributed that the Statehouse switchboards were inundated.

These calls and letters gave our friends in the House, like Reps. Quinn and Dan Cooper, the ammunition they needed to push the bill forward through the legislative process. One veteran legislator reported receiving 600 letters, and another got over one hundred phone calls that morning. Others said that the flag was more important to voters than pending concealed-carry legislation backed by the NRA.

A special commendation goes out to Compatriot Oran P. Smith, editor of *Southern Partisan* magazine and a member of the Wade Hampton Camp. Cmt. Smith, along with Rep. Rick Quinn and the staff at the *Partisan*, worked very hard to turn out over 13,000 post cards advising pro-flag voters of what was going on. And they did it overnight.

If you hadn't made those calls, the legislative leadership gladly would have buried this bill to avoid a contentious floor fight. That didn't happen. In fact, many legislators who were previously low key on the flag are now saying that they were with us all along.

By the time you read this you will have received a letter in the mail with updated information on our flag fight, and the Senate may have acted already. Whatever the outcome in the upper house, the men of the South Carolina Division can rest assured that when duty called they stepped forward and took a stand to keep the flag flying regardless of the political risks.

In the next issue I will have a complete update on what has been going on with this effort. But for now, thank you for your hard work and keep taking the fight to the enemy.

Coins Update

The Civil War Commemorative Coins were set for issue on March 31, 1995. Earlier issues of the *Palmetto Partisan* gave ordering details; call (800) 258-6200 for details. "Pre-issue" prices will remain in effect for orders received no later than May 15, 1995.

NAACP Resolution of 1986

WHEREAS, the tyrannical evil symbolized in the Confederate Battle Flag is an abhorrence to all Americans and decent people of this country, and indeed, the world and is an odious blight upon the universe; and,

WHEREAS, African-Americans had no voice, no consultation, no concurrence, no commonality, not in fact nor in philosophy, in the vile conception of the Confederate Battle Flag or State Flags containing the ugly symbol of idiotic white supremacy racism and denigration, and,

WHEREAS, we adamantly reject the notion that African-Americans should accept this flag for any stretch of imagination or approve its presence on State Flags;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Office of the NAACP and all units commit their legal resources to the removal of the Confederate Flag from all public properties.



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Nichols Photography Studio, in the town of Newberry, SC, has been around for some time now. Current owner C. Murphy Hall, Jr., has been joined by daughters Jessica and Caroline who operate the studio as the third generation of a 63-year-old family business. (Both of the women are members of the UDC.)

Nichols Studio has a wonderful collection of almost 250,000 negatives. Many are of Confederate Veterans. Just recently they copied several old glass types of Confederate Veterans for a local historian. The collection includes many scenes of the War as well.

In November 1994, the Studio was the official photographer for the anniversary centennial celebration of the Moultrie Camp. Nichols Studio's precursor also was the official photographer of an earlier reunion at the same historic location and has a negative depicting the assemblage.

Members desiring photos of the November '94 gathering may order them directly from Nichols. The three views include Staff alone, Staff and members, and everyone including visitors and spouses. Costs are \$12 for 8x10; \$36 for 11x14; and \$59 for 16x20, each, postpaid. For copies of the old photos, contact the Studio directly, enclosing an SASE. They can advise you as to the subjects available, although with a collection of 250,000, a complete listing may be difficult!

Nichols Photography Studio is located at 1311 Main Street, Newberry, SC, 29108; phone (803) 276-4404. They also do custom framing.

Heritage Committee

Paige Sawyer, Chairman

Back in February, each Camp Commander and/or Camp Heritage Chairman received an updated Heritage and Press Release Kit. These kits contained the guidelines and objectives of the Division Heritage Committee and information on how camps could receive publicity regarding our Southern Heritage.

Each Camp Commander and/or Heritage Chairman was asked to return a form which would list the name of the camp's current Heritage Chairman along with his correct mailing address, telephone and fax numbers. This form was to be returned NLT March 20, 1995 so I might have an updated list of each camp's Heritage Chairman. Has your chairman done this?

It is the responsibility of the Camp Heritage Committee Chairman to give a Heritage Committee Report at each meeting and to make sure his members are aware of Heritage Committee actions, along with an updated report on issues involving the SCV. He also is responsible for seeing that his camp is responding to requests from the Division Heritage Committee.

In the past, there has been a break down in communications from the Heritage Division Committee to individual camp members, either by not having Heritage Committee information in camp newsletters, or by not having the Heritage Chairman report at camp meetings.

In order to have effective communications, everyone must be informed as to what is going on within our organization regarding the Division Heritage Committee. This can easily be done through that Committee and the Camp Heritage Chairman. Please see that this line of communications is kept open to all members.

As for Division Heritage, the flag issue is sort of at a standstill until the Supreme Court gives its decision from the November 15th hearing. [Since this report was submitted, there have been important activities taking place; stay tuned for an update] The Division Heritage Committee is prepared for an either/or decision with a planned campaign based on their decision and presently is working on a flag promotion. In the meantime, members are urged to write their Senators and ask them to support bill S-60 and their House members to support bill H-3168. Just think what an impact it would have on our elected officials if just five members from every camp would write one letter each week.

More and more UDC grave markers are showing up in antique stores and flea markets. 1st Lt. Commander Bill Bushall recently sent out letters to 78 dealers throughout South Carolina asking them to refrain from dealing in these markers. Please be on the look out for these markers and contact Bill if you see any for sale.

With Spring arriving, now is the time to contact your schools about speaking engagements. Teachers and students enjoy having someone come to their class and teach the truth about Southern History.



Always keep in mind that the SCV is a historical organization of descendants of those brave soldiers who served honorably in their time. We, in our time, also can serve honorably by not being taken in by those who hide behind, misuse, and abuse our symbols and heritage for racial or other purposes unrelated to the SCV. We have seen the formation of some of these groups within

the last few years. They are a tiny but vocal minority and, in some cases, already members of the SCV. These groups are a threat to our preservation efforts, because when they get their way and achieve their aims, our enemies are given the opportunity to say, "See, I told you so, I told you they were lying and this is what they really were about."

These groups say they share our passion for Southern Heritage; but sometimes they appear to be much less interested in preserving that heritage than in achieving their own present day political agenda. They have turned on the SCV because we do not agree with their overall philosophy. To them, common sense, reasonableness, and courtesy are dirty words.

Do not let your membership in the SCV become a shield to hide behind while you become active with these militant groups who want "to save the flag and preserve our heritage" in a way that ultimately causes more harm than good.

Notice and Denial

If you noticed, April was National Anxiety Month (National Anxiety Center of Maplewood, NJ) AND Stress Awareness Month (Health Resource Network, MD). Maybe you thought it was due to your tax deadline. Well... Also, Wayne Tallent, Adjutant of Secession Camp #4, Charleston, strenuously denies ever having claimed Edmund Ruffin as a dependant on any of his tax returns. "A horrible, ugly, and vicious rumor", claims Tallent. Mr. Ruffin had no comment.

STOLEN
From Rivers Bridge State Park,
Ehrhardt, South Carolina,
on the night of February 2-3, 1995
CIVIL WAR CANNON BARREL



DESCRIPTION: 12-pounder Blakely, Type 2 (3.5-inch Blakely, Type 2). Cast iron with tapered reinforcing band near center of barrel at trunnions. Sight at muzzle. Cascabel knob missing. Chipped at bore. 3.5-inch bore. Rifling: 7 x 7, straight. Overall length: 54.5 inches. Weight: 700 pounds.

MARKINGS: Tube at rear of trunnions: BLAKELY'S PATENT, No. 30, FAWCETT-PRESTON & CO., LIVERPOOL, MAKERS, 1861. Left trunnion: 31. Right trunnion: 31.

Information about the cannon and its theft should be directed to the Bamberg County Sheriff's office at (803) 245-3011.

For additional information about the cannon, contact any of the following:

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Prized Collection of 500 Original Confederate Flags Has a New Home

Richmond, VA, March 3, 1995 - The Museum of the Confederacy today announced the completion of its new flag conservation and storage facility. The Museum houses the world's largest collection of original Confederate flags. The 500+ flags comprise one third of the known Confederate flags.

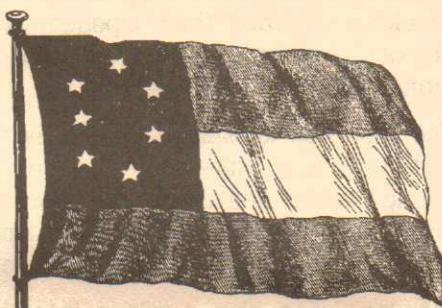
The new facility provides flat storage for the 100 extremely fragile silk flags in the collection. It is equipped with an independent climate control system, maintaining temperature and humidity at the levels most suitable for the delicate 130-year-old textiles. The facility also provides space for flags to be examined, studied, conserved and prepared for public display.

Although the facility will not be open to the public, researchers and historians may access the flag collection by appointment. There is a \$5 research fee.

The collection includes examples of flags from every Confederate state as well as national, presentation, company and regimental flags. Almost every Confederate flag pattern is represented in the collection. Notable artifacts in the collection include the C.S.S. Virginia's flag, Gen. Robert E. Lee's headquarters flag, and Brig. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's casket flag.

The \$100,000 flag facility was financed by private donations and a \$25,000 Institute of Museum Services (IMS) Conservation Grant, which was matched at a rate of two private dollars for every one IMS dollar. The funds were raised in eighteen months.

The Museum and White House of the Confederacy are at 1201 East Clay Street in downtown Richmond, Virginia's historic Court End neighborhood. Call (804) 649-1861 for information on the flag program or on the Museum and White House. The Museum and White House are open seven days a week for visitors (Monday-Friday, 10-5, Sunday, 12-6).



New Book of South Carolina War Deaths

Randolph W. Kirkland, Jr., noted author and compatriot with the Battery White Camp in Georgetown, SC, was responsible for the recent identification of the book Roll of the Dead. As result of his work, this book of names of South Carolina's Civil War military dead has been published and is currently available from the SC State Archives.

Cmpt. Kirkland now has authored another work entitled Broken Fortunes, a listing of SC soldiers, sailors, and citizens who died in the service of their country and state in the War for Southern Independence, 1861 - 1865. Published and sold by the South Carolina Historical Society, this book is the largest, most comprehensive listing ever published, including name, age, rank, unit, home district, place and cause of death, and more.

The book is obtainable from the SCHS, 100 Meeting St., Charleston, SC 29401-2299.

The inscription on the Confederate monument at the State House in Columbia, SC, reads in part, "... Let the South Carolinian of another generation remember that the State taught them how to live and how to die, and that from her broken fortunes she has preserved for her children the priceless treasures of her memories, teaching all who may claim the same birth right that truth, courage and patriotism endure forever."

Virginia Rejects Highway Project at Cedar Creek

Corridor H, a proposed four-lane highway that would have cut through portions of the Cedar Creek Battlefield in the Shenandoah Valley, has been rejected unanimously by the Commonwealth Transportation Board of Virginia.

The West Virginia portion of the 114-mile proposed highway still is scheduled for construction starting in September. The highway would affect approximately 1,200 historic sites including the Civil War battlefields of Corrick's Ford and Moorefield, according to Corridor H Alternatives, a nonprofit group opposed to the highway.

Corridor H is designed to help West Virginia's economy by improving its east-west transportation links. As conceived, the approximately \$1 billion highway would have connected Elkins, WV, to I-81 near Strasburg, VA. A final environmental impact statement on the project is scheduled to be released in August by the WV State Department of Highways.

Shenandoah Bill to Congress

On January 31, US Rep. Frank R. Wolf (R-Va) introduced to Congress the Shenandoah Valley National Battlefields Partnership Act, which would establish the Shenandoah Valley National Battlefields and Commission in Virginia.

Sens. John Warner (R-Va) and Chuck Robb (D-Va) plan to introduce the companion legislation in the US Senate.

Wolf says, "This legislation, which is the result of tremendous contributions from local citizens and county governments, will protect some of the nation's most historic areas for future generations so see. Pivotal battle sites in the Thomas J. 'Stonewall' Jackson Valley campaign of 1862 and the decisive Philip Sheridan campaign of 1864 are yet unpreserved. The legislation provides Congress with an historic opportunity to capitalize on the overwhelming community support for this preservation."



The proposed 1,863 acres within the National Battlefield would consist only of those lands identified in the Heritage plan in the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren, and in the City of Winchester. The battle sites include Cedar Creek; Cool Spring; Cross Keys; Fisher's Hill; First and Second Kernstown; McDowell; New Market; Port Republic; Tom's Brook; Second and Third (Opequon) Winchester. Under the proposal, the commission will look for opportunities to protect additional battlefields.

The proposed legislation, also known as H.R. 763, states that no lands within the battlefield would be acquired through condemnation or the power of eminent domain. Instead, land would be acquired only by donation, purchase, or exchange with the explicit consent of the owner.

The legislation also provides incentives to local governments to preserve historic land by including battlefield protection in regional planning.

Grants and technical assistance provide the necessary incentives that local governments need to ward off development of these important sites. In addition, living history demonstrations and reenactments will be permitted to continue as they have in the past. As proposed, the new law would provide grants to local landowners to help preserve the battle sites in exchange for scenic or preservation easements or contracts to maintain open-space lands with historic viewsheds.

"Because of the fiscal constraints of federal budgets, we can't expect the National Park Service to continue to purchase thousands of acres across the country each year," says Wolf. "This is an innovative way to protect these key sites and enjoys unanimous local support."

[This article came from the "Battlefield Update", a publication of the National Park Service. Readers may receive a free subscription by phoning (202) 343-9505.]

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In a related matter, a former senior geologist for the Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality feels he has an answer to the dilemma regarding real property rights and historic sites, with respect to "doing what you wish with your own property".

Bob Baird likens ownership of battlefields or other historic sites to ownership of an original copy of the Declaration of Independence or some other piece of personal property. Would we stand by while the owner burns such a copy? Would we stand by while he cuts paper dolls out of a letter written by Thomas Jefferson? Baird maintains that desecration of our Civil War battlefields is the same thing. He says that battlefields must be preserved and battlefield owners must be "justly and fairly compensated".

Baird suggests that one way to achieve fair compensation (at little monetary expense, adds this Editor) is for the federal government to exchange others tracts of land for privately owned historic sites.

BOOK REVIEW

By Richard Hatcher III

A HISTORY OF THE 2ND SOUTH CAROLINA INFANTRY: 1861-65

Mac Wyckoff

Sergeant Kirkland's Museum and Historical Society, Inc.

June 1994 278 pages \$29.95

Even in a general study of the War Between the States, the names of several brigades appear time and again. Within the Army of Tennessee, General Patrick R. Cleburne's Brigade stands above all others; and in the Army of Northern Virginia, General Thomas J. Jackson's Stonewall Brigade and General John Bell Hood's Texas Brigade lead the list. Best known in the Union army are the Iron and Irish Brigades.

However, neither the Confederate or Union armies earned their respective reputations based on the fighting abilities of only one or two brigades. These commands embraced other units which displayed outstanding combat records equal to and possibly surpassing those of the aforementioned brigades. South Carolina produced several of these "fighting" brigades and one of the best was lead by General Joseph B. Kershaw. Within this notable command was the 2nd South Carolina Infantry, which Mac Wyckoff examines in his book, *A HISTORY OF THE 2ND SOUTH CAROLINA INFANTRY: 1861-65*.

Composed of companies from across the state, the regiment was mustered into service at Charleston on April 9, 1861. Three days later, the companies witnessed the bombardment of Fort Sumter, some even participating in it. Of note were the men of the Palmetto Guard (Company I) who manned the Iron Battery on Morris Island. From this battery Edmund Ruffin (an honorary member) probably fired the first shot which struck Fort Sumter after the 4:30 am signal shot from Fort Johnson. Upon Sumter's surrender, the Palmetto Guard was the first Southern unit to enter the fort, and its colors the first Southern standard to fly over its walls.

Officially mustered into Confederate service in May 1861, the Second traveled to Virginia and a crossroads called Manassas. There began a long and distinguished combat record which ultimately included the Seven Days Campaign, Maryland Campaign (Sharpsburg), Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, the East Tennessee Campaign (Knoxville), the Overland Campaign (Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor), Petersburg, the Second Valley Campaign (Cedar Creek), Averasboro, and numerous smaller actions.

On April 28, 1865, as a part of General Joe Johnston's command, the 2nd South Carolina formed for the last time; only 213 names appeared on the rolls. A few days later the regiment was paroled and the survivors began to journey home. Over the course of the war 1,475 men had served in the unit. Of this number two-thirds became casualties, including 613 killed or wounded. Of note was John D. Kennedy who rose from the rank of captain in 1861 to brigadier general in 1864. In four years of service he was hit by 15 "spent balls" and wounded six times. General Kennedy died in 1896.

The spirit of the Second regiment, as with many other units, did not die in 1865. Corporal Charles W. Sielaff, who was wounded and captured at Gettysburg, attended the battle's 50th anniversary observance in 1913. When a Union veteran jokingly said, "Well, we whipped the South." Sielaff snapped back, "No, you didn't, we wore ourselves out whipping you."

Wyckoff has written a well researched account of one of South Carolina's finest regiments. He has included numerous maps, and pictures of unit members, as well as a roster developed from National Archives records and other sources. Readers will find this book a useful source of information on the regiment and its service to the Confederacy.

In a recent note from the author, this reviewer learned that this first edition of the book is almost sold out and a second edition is scheduled for publication in 1995. The second edition will be revised and updated with an expanded roster and corrected typos. The historical community looks forward to that, as well as his next book on the 3rd South Carolina scheduled to be released by the end of the year.

Richard W. Hatcher III, Member - Secession Camp No. 4 (Charleston, SC); Past Commander - Gen. James H. McBride Camp No. 632 (Springfield, MO); Historian - Fort Sumter National Monument.

"Carry the Colors" Campaign

Complements Confederate Memorial Day

The quest - to march the Confederate Battle Flag to the State House in Columbia from all corners of South Carolina, showing the statewide support for the Battle Flag flying over our State House. The flag now flies in honor of the men who gave their lives and service to defend the Palmetto State during the years 1861-65.

A group from Charleston will leave Thursday, May 4, 1995, at noon from Whitepoint Gardens at the Battery and arrive in Columbia at the State House at 11 am on Saturday, May 6. Another group will leave Greenville ... a group from Aiken ... a group from Rock Hill ...

According to organizers in Charleston, the Carry the Colors Campaign will be sponsored by the SCV South Carolina Division. Participants will be members from the SCV and from the Palmetto Battalion (reenactors association) and any others who are willing.

Organizers say, "We are doing this to show our support

for our heritage and our flag. We are honoring our ancestor by this small token of sacrifice. We are marching to Columbia to send a clear message to the SC Legislature that we want to vote on the Confederate Flag by way of a statewide referendum. This effort is not about raising money, it's about raising awareness and support for the Battle Flag that flew over the battlefields that claimed the lives of so many South Carolinians. We are also tired of seeing the Confederate Flag marched in parades by hate groups. We do not tolerate their hatred and will not allow them to march with us. It's time the Confederate Flag is carried in honor by people who know its true meaning."

Readers in those areas who wish to participate in this crusade should call Philip Bradley in Charleston (559-9810), Ed Walker in Rock Hill (329-5988), Chris Sullivan in Greenville (235-3295), Tom Emory in Newberry (755-1017), or Pete Peters in Aiken (649-9273); all numbers are home numbers.

Grave Marker Reproduction Available

A reproduction of the Confederate Grave Marker, an original of which is ever so popular with thieves, is now available from Smith Brothers, Inc., 414 4th Ave. SE, Moultrie, GA 31776. The original marker was patterned after the design on the Southern Cross of Honor medal. Made of cast iron and painted black, the marker is 11 inches square and the stake is 18 inches long.

The idea for the original medal came in 1898 from Mrs. Mary Ann Lamar Cobb Erwin (Mrs. Alexander S.) of Athens, Georgia. Mrs. Erwin wanted to give the surviving soldiers and families of the deceased soldiers of the Confederacy a medal to honor their wartime services. The medal idea received the sanction of the Laura Rutherford Chapter, UDC, of Athens on February 20, 1900.

The exact date that the grave marker came about is unknown but it was shortly after 1900. The markers definitely were patterned after the Southern Cross of Honor.

The medal was patterned after a very beautiful pin of Queen Dagmar of Denmark. Reference may be found in The History of the UDC, Vol. I, page 415.

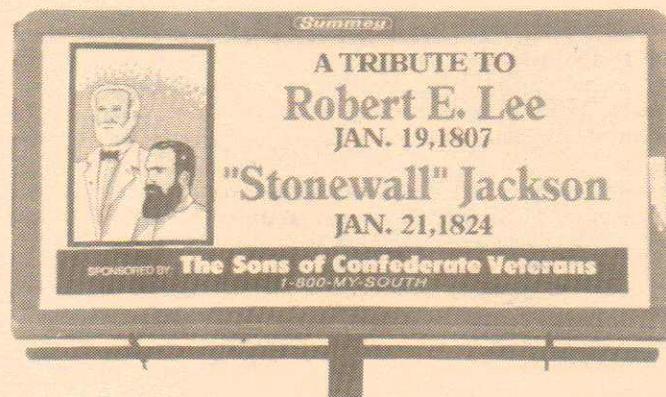
What better way for today's refurbished graves of our veterans to be identified then with a new marker.

Readers are reminded that when an original marker is found anywhere other than upon a proper grave, that marker is to be considered stolen property and the circumstances are to be reported to police agencies and the SCV.

Steering Committee Formed for Flag Defense

By direction of the Executive Council at its last meeting, a steering committee has been established for the Battleflag Defense Fund. This committee is to be composed of the Commander, the Heritage Chairman, and two others appointed by the Commander. It is authorized (in lieu of a meeting of the Executive Council or the full Heritage Committee) to spend up to \$7,000 from funds now held in the Battleflag Defense Fund.

SC Division Chief-of-Staff Ron Wilson (Jeff Davis 7, Piedmont) and Compt. Philip Bradley (Secession 4, Charleston) have been appointed to this committee, joining Commander Sullivan and Heritage Chairman Paige Sawyer (Battery White 1568, Georgetown).



Camp #1428 Erects Billboard

The Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428 in Anderson, SC, recently honored Generals Lee and Jackson with a billboard recognizing their birthdays. The Camp was given a good location on the northern end of US Hwy. 28 Bypass, an area traveled by thousands of people daily. The sign was rented from Summey Outdoor Advertising and, because the SCV is a non-profit organization, the cost was an affordable \$260; \$200 of this was the paper cost. Due to a delay on the part of the company, the sign did not go up until February 5; however, as of this writing, the board has not been rented by anyone so the sign is still up and intact!

And how have you spent your money today?

Tennessee Billboard

The Jackson Motel, 831 NW Broad St., Murfreesboro, TN, (615) 896-2217, put up a billboard with a Confederate Flag and then received complaints and adverse criticism. They were so upset that they erected three more. Let them know you appreciate their courage and good business sense.

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We are NOT the Sons of the Confederacy. We are the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There is a very big and important difference. If you are going to claim a name, you assume all responsibilities and liabilities associated with the subject.

The Sons of the Confederacy are not extant. Should they be, they would be living reminders and supporters of ALL of the principles of the Confederate Government, including Slavery.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans are descended from the man who did the fighting. We have expanded that ancestry to encompass the politician, and we extend to his descendant the same courtesies we enjoy and demand. We also extend to him the same responsibilities we assume, and those responsibilities are not directed to the support of the Confederate Government or its political arrangements. Here lies the distinction.

The symbols of the Confederate Government include three National Flags (as well as the unofficial national flag, the Bonnie Blue), a Great Seal, and a Constitution. These symbols represent the ideologies of the Government and the Nation. These symbols do not directly represent the fighting man.

The symbols of the fighting man are the Battle Flags (of any design), uniforms, fighting organizations and conditions, monuments, and names of the men. By extension, we include memorials to the women on the homefront as well as the battlefield, but primarily we honor the Man.

The Battle Flag of the Army of Northern Virginia came to be included in the Second and Third National Flags as an honor to the fighting man. However, to utilize these two flags as memorials to the man is to include the memorial to the Government. This is why the Battle Flag is the most appropriate flag to symbolize the fighting man.

By using the proper symbols and maintaining the proper differences, we continue to honor the fighting man while not honoring memories of racism or slavery. We must keep this in mind today as we fight to preserve our symbols of the fighting man, to combat our detractors, and to keep our own name untarnished. We are free to denounce that Southerner who abandons or fails to understand these differences, and who heaps disrespect on us while exposing himself to ridicule and derision for being a literate ignoramus. We afford this same courtesy to the uninformed Northerner.

Learn your facts, then speak out.

Who Murdered Michael Westerman? Flag or Fantasy?

The continuing story of the Tennessee murder of Kentuckian Michael Westerman requires that we read as much as possible to determine the degree of involvement of our Battle Flag as a factor. Recent publications shed new light.

The bottom line is that the flag was not the *cause* of or even a prime factor in Westerman's murder, and we should examine the matter with this in mind. The flag was an *excuse*; the real cause was Racism. More specifically, according to Tennessee Division Commander Gene Andrews, the relentless promotion of its own form of racism by the NAACP gave an excuse to some young Black men to murder a young White man. **The Confederate Flag did not murder Michael Westerman nor did his flying that flag.**

The physical conditions at the time of the murder filled a stereotypic pattern: A group of Black men encounter a White man and his young wife in a rural area, seemingly defenseless, then pursue them and gang up on them. Premeditation was involved because they chased the Whites into the countryside. It was here that one, more hot-headed than the others, and presumably with a larger criminal record, pulled his illegal weapon and shot through the vehicle into the victim. Then, continuing the terrorism, the perpetrators attempted to entrap Hannah Westerman but failed.

A Tennessee Grand Jury has returned indictments of first degree murder, disallowing arguments by defendants' lawyers that it wasn't premeditated, that the criminals were only responding to taunts which included the Confederate Flag. Apparently, the Grand Jury felt that there were sufficient opportunities for the Blacks to back off, which they elected to ignore. Chasing the victims, blocking them from escape, all contributed to the charges of premeditated or first degree murder. Charges of First Amendment violations also have been brought, because flying the flag is considered to be an expression of speech covered by that Amendment. Kidnapping charges, too, have been levied because of the blocking of the Westerman truck.

It is unclear if charges will be brought for violation of Tennessee's hate crimes laws, or even if the US Justice Department has decided to investigate violations of the Westermans' civil rights. But it is very clear that Hate Crimes and Civil Rights violations occurred and that the appropriate agencies must investigate and prosecute. If the tables were turned, if this were a White on Black crime, if the Confederate Flag were not involved, then you could sleep well knowing your agencies were turning every rock to get a conviction. After all, was not response extremely rapid when the first cross was burned in this case? Justice delayed is justice denied.

Upon consideration, the media's questionable conduct in this matter is very clear. It is now requisite that the industry promote the prosecution of Hate Crimes and Civil Rights violations as much as it played down the initial accounts of Westerman's death while quickly reporting on the cross-burnings. But the media, while perhaps crucifying, did not murder Michael Westerman.

The larger issue here is the conduct of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Since 1986, their agenda has been to destroy every symbol of the Confederacy. Their motivation is simple: They are unable to make significant contributions to resolutions of problems affecting Black people (especially young ones), so they contrive an emotional subject - a fantasy - constantly fan its flames, and then allow the hysterics to do the dirty work. They imply that violent removal of Confederate symbols and supporters is acceptable to society and to the law of the land. Thus we have the Tennessee Murder Affair. Conspiracy?

The NAACP immediately must begin a program aimed at calming the situation agitated largely by its own conduct. It must retract the Resolution of 1986 entirely. It must acknowledge that the Flag and other symbols of the Confederate Fighting Man are not directly supportive of slavery. It must allow and protect other groups' rights of free speech as strongly as it protects its own rights (reference Newberry, SC). It must stop attacking Confederate Veterans and their symbols. It must realize that the concept of the Confederate Fighting Man is an issue separate from slavery, honoring Black men as well; that as the two are divided (fighting men and slavery), one can be promoted without promoting the other. And, for goodness sake, if it writes a Resolution, do it so that it reads as if it came from an intelligent man rather than from an hysterical reconstructionist.

We must place responsibilities where they belong. We must continue to identify the culprits - ALL of them - and demand legal satisfaction. We can do this in several ways:

(a) Write your legislatures to direct their attentions to the organization which orchestrates conspiracies of civil disobedience (such as has been promised in Atlanta with respect to the Confederate Battle Flag, the Georgia State Flag, and the Olympics), and request legal action against them; (b) Write the citizens of Guthrie, KY (Westerman's home), and support them, in that they understand the true nature of the Confederate symbols and the degree to which the media goes to sensationalize activities; (c) Ensure that your own support of our symbols is gentlemanly and legal, that its demonstration is that of SUPPORT rather than ANTAGONIZATION; (d) Write letters to Editors to ensure that the proper aspects of this matter are kept in the public eye and in perspective; (e) Write the US Justice Dept. to encourage prosecution of Civil Rights violations.

It is unlikely that we can change the larger viewpoint of the NAACP and its followers, but we can work to keep our own image clean and respectable. We can work to bring justice to those who conspire, murder, degrade. This we must do and must do now.

[A composite view can be taken from *The Southern Partisan*, *Civil War News*, and *The Dixie Liberator* (Tennessee Division), all having current articles on this subject.]

Information Needed from Lt. Commanders and Adjutants

There is so much out there which could prove interesting reading, but we can't find it all ourselves. That's why we constantly ask Camp Commanders for their input. Two items in particular seem to prove most difficult for Commanders to provide. One is the list of Members and Ancestors; the other is the history of the Camp's founding. So, we now turn to the Lieutenant Commanders and Adjutants, in hopes that they can get a fire started somewhere. If you'd like to see more items about your Camp, ask your Officers to send stuff in. You can do it, too; just provide the facts and maybe pictures, and our smiling staff will do the rest.

Monetary Support for the NAACP

The Foundation Grants Index for 1992 lists corporations and monetary donations. Here are some which donated to the NAACP. Drop them a line to let them know how much you appreciate their support of attacks on Southern Heritage. [Courtesy *Dixie Liberator*, Tennessee Division].

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One Stamford Forum



Kentucky Victim was Applicant to SCV

As reported in the "Palmetto Sharpshooter", newsletter of the SC camp by the same name, Kentucky murder victim Michael Westerman was in the process of submitting documentation to join the SCV.

General Orders No. 4, issued by Commander-in-Chief Norman Dasinger, and widely published in camp newsletters, asks each SCV member to contribute to a trust fund established for the 19-year-old man's two infant daughters. Send to the **Westerman Twins Fund, Elkton**

Bank, P.O. Box 98, Elkton, KY 42220. Also, Westerman's Emergency Room fees alone were \$25,000. Donations to **Hannah Westerman** may be made c/o **David Westerman, 5623 Dixie Beeline Hwy., Trenton, KY 42286.**

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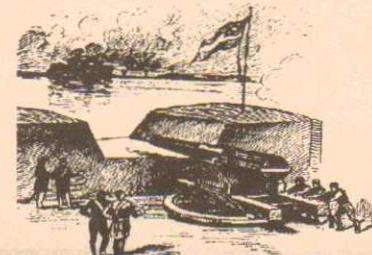
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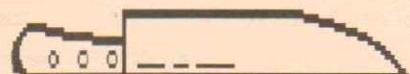
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Volley

From time to time, we identify critics and/or opponents as being "scalawags and carpetbaggers". This term is lengthy and invites abbreviation, such as happens to "political correctness" (PC).



We examined alternatives but found nothing satisfactory while being immediately clear and logical. "Scalawags and Carpetbaggers" could be SC, which might imply that they came predominantly from South Carolina. Everyone knows this to be untrue, so we tried "Carpetbaggers and Scalawags" and got CS. This bears distressing resemblance to Confederate States, so it, too, was abandoned.

"CarScal" and "ScaCarp" proved almost as cumbersome. "They" or "Them" is too generic and might be confused with "Those People", fundamentally different.

We have decided to use the simple term, "Drut". It sounds sensible, it's easily to type, and linguistic experts will note a logic to it. So, when you see "Drut" in print, think of your favorite (or any) Carpetbagger or Scalawag and see if there is not an association.



Michael Westerman's truck. See story, p. 12.

Found on a postcard depicting a Confederate Monument located, perhaps, in Harrisonburg, Va.:

"Would it not be a blame for us
If their memories part
From our Land and Hearts
And a wrong to them and a shame to us.
In legend and lay
Our Heroes in Gray
Shall forever live over again for us."

In Memoriam

John Neeley Page, 16 March 1995

Kelly Stone, 8 April 1995

Our condolences to their families and Com-patriots of the B/G Barnard E. Bee Camp #1575



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